

CLAIMS:

1. Communication system comprising a telephone, a telephone switch operative to interact with the telephone and provide a control function to a user of the telephone, characterized in that the communication system comprises a web server connected to the telephone switch, where the web server is operative to provide the control function to the user of the telephone via an HTTP client application connected to the web server.

2. Communication system according to claim 1, characterized in that the web server is operative to provide the control function to the user via a URL.

3. Communication system according to claim 2, characterized in that a web page is associated with the URL.

4. Communication system according to claim 3, characterized in that the web page comprises an element to implement the control function.

5. Communication system according to claim 3 or 4, characterized in that the web page is associated with the telephone.

6. Communication system according to claim 3 or 4, characterized in that the web page is associated with the user of the telephone.

7. Communications system according to claim 1, 2, or 3 characterized in that the telephone comprises the HTTP client application.

8. Communication system according to claim 5, characterized in that the web page can only be accessed from a HTTP client application in close proximity to the telephone.

9. Communication system according to claim 5,
characterized in that the web page comprises a signaling function for the telephone.

10. Communication system according to claim 5,
5 characterized in that the web page comprises a signaling function for the telephone switch.

11. Communication system according to claim 9, or 10,
characterized in that the signaling function is implemented in the application layer.

10 12. Telephone for use with a communication system according to claim 7,.

13. Web page for use with a communication system according to any of the claims
1 to 12.

15 14. Telephone switch for use with a communication system according to any of
the claims 1 to 12.

15. Webserver for use with a communication system according to any of the
claims 1 to 12.

20 16. Method for providing a control function to a user of a communication system
comprising the following steps:

providing a web page to a HTTP client application,
obtaining control information related to this web page from the HTTP client

25 application

passing the control information to a control application
processing the control information by the control application to create a
control command

30 passing the control command to a telephone switch
processing the control command by the telephone switch.

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